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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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Amendment to Item 11

Although there are several sections that address substance abuse treatment services, our legislative policies do not specifically target parents of children in the child welfare system. Substance abuse programs for parents in the child welfare system, and funding specifically for such programs, are critical if we are to meet the County's obligation to make reasonable efforts to safely maintain children with their parents, and to facilitate reunification as quickly as possible and within the legally required timeframes.

The Board of Supervisors has received recommendations from County Departments regarding the need for specialized courts to better serve the homeless population, including mental health courts, drug courts and courts to deal with persons with co-occurring disorders. One important issue is how to fund the operations of these courts, such as the costs of judges, clerks, and court reporters.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors amend the State Legislative Policies to include the following:

In Section 1.2 – Child Welfare Services, Foster Care, item 12, amend to state:

Support proposals that provide and fund substance abuse treatment services for

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children *and parents* in the Child Welfare Services system.

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In Section 6.3 – Trial Court Funding, add: “Support measures and funding for creation and expansion of mental health courts, drug courts and/or courts addressing the needs of persons with co-occurring disorders.”

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